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SUBJ: NEGOTIATIONS RE CUBA

IN SECTION 5 OF DEPTAL 1147# IT WAS INDICATED DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE FIGURES REGARDING INCOMING SHIPS AND PERSONNEL NEEDED TO INSPECT THEM, AFTER FURTHER REVIEW, DOD HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ACCORDING TO OUR PROJECTIONS, THE USSR WILL NEED TO SCHEDULE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 100 SHIPS SHORTLY TO ARRIVE IN CUBA DURING THE NEXT 3-4 WEEKS IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH REMOVAL OF DISMANTLED EQUIPMENT. (IN ADDITION TO 60 SHIPS NORMALLY USED FOR OFFENSIVE EQUIPMENT, USSR WOULD HAVE TO ADAPT ABOUT 40 OTHERS FOR THIS PURPOSE.) NUMBER RED CROSS INSPECTORS REQUIRED TO DO JOBS WILL BE ABOUT EQUAL WHETHER INSPECTION ON SHIP OR SHORE. WOULD RELIEVE LESS INSPECTORS REQUIRED PER SHIP BECAUSE CARGO HOLDS CANNOT BE PENETRATED AND SURREPTITIOUS OFFLOADING NOT POSSIBLE, BUT MORE INSPECTORS IN TRANSIT SHUTTLEING BETWEEN VESSELS AT SEA, IN PORT TANGENT TIME ELIMINATED BUT MORE INSPECTORS REQUIRED TO WATCH FOR SURREPTITIOUS OFFLOADING AND TO EXAM IF IN DETAIL CARGOES COMING OUT OF HOLD. BREAKFAST PORT INSPECTION MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO INSPECT IN PORT. ESTIMATE 10-15 PERSONNEL NEEDED FOR EACH SHIP ENTERING CUBA EACH DAY. PERSONNEL SHOULD BE OF ADEQUATE TECH. QUALIFICATION TO RECOGNIZE OFFENSIVE EQUIPMENT.

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